

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened by Em. Sir Eagleston at 6.05 p. m. in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston on Wednesday, January 17, 1968.

After prayer offered by our Prelate Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles, the record of Stated Conclave held Wednesday, December 20, 1967 was read and approved.

Favorable ballot was had on the following to receive the Orders:

WINFRED LAWRENCE WAITE, Arlington, sponsored by Sir Knight E. Plaschkis

SAMUEL RYDER: Framingham, sponsored by Sir Knight J. W. Zolner.

CHESTER E. LADD: West Medford, sponsored by Em. Sir Harold Hodgson.

STANLEY K. READ: Wilmington, sponsored by Rt. Em. R. G. Wilson Jr.

EARL WILLIAM NOBLE: Boston, sponsored by Em. Sir R. S. Andrews.

The Recorder read letters of appreciation from Sir Knight Perlle D. Chase acknowledging floral tribute to his late wife; also numerous letters of acknowledgment from recipients of Boston Commandery Christmas Cheer. Letter was also read from Em. Sir R. S. Andrews, present Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, advising of special night on February 14, 1968 planned in honor of Rt. Worshipful Howard D. Mac Odum. With dinner at 6.30 p. m. Sir Knights who are also members of Aleppo Temple are requested to wear fez.

The Eminent Commander announced appointment of a Committee to arrange a Ladies Night. Committee consists of the following: Em. Sirs Hodgson, Tweedie and Borek with Sir Knights Esancy and Seeley.

There being no further business the Commandery recessed at 6.30 p. m. for dinner in the banquet hall, following which the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and also the Order of Malta were successively worked on the following eligible candidates.

John George Karalekas
Rev. Everett Lesley Waters
Norman Nerses Maserian
Lemuel Thomas Rixon

Herman Craswell Haley
Winfred Lawrence Waite
Samuel Ryder
Chester E. Ladd

Attendance: 77

Robert Gardiner Wilson

Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened at 5.40 p. m. in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston on Wednesday, February 21, 1968.

After appropriate devotions by our Prelate Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles the record of our Conclave of January 17, 1968 was read and approved.

The work of the Order of the Temple thereupon proceeded with the following entitled:

John G. Karalekas	Harman C. Haley
Rev. Everett L. Waters	Winfred L. Waite
Norman N. Maserian	Samuel Ryder
Lemuel J. Rixon	Chester E. Ladd
Richard P. Bartholomew	

Recessing for dinner in the banquet hall at 6.40 p. m. the Sir Knights following the repast, were entertained by Eminent Sir David Greer, of Cambridge Commandery, in an interesting and instructive illustrated travel talk.

Returning to the asylum at 9.15 p. m., the work of the evening was resumed. The station of Captain of the Guard was filled by Sir Knight Rowland Crook; work of the Commander was ably completed by Em. Sir Kenneth Tweedie, our Generalissimo Sir Knight Esancy, our Captain General, Sir Knight E. Rea Seeley Jr. and our Commander Em. Sir Eagleston. Em. Sir Locus performed the work of the Chamber of Reflection as well as the lantern slides. Em. Sir Bayley directed as official Master of Ceremonies assisted by Em. Sir Harold Hodgson.

The Commandery was closed in short form at 10.50 p. m.

Attendance: 104

Robert Gardiner Wilson

Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by Eminent Commander Eagleston in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1968.

Em. Sir Tweedie acted as Junior Warden and Sir Knight Rowland Crook acted as Sword Bearer.

The minutes of our February 21 Conclave were read by the Recorder despite a delayed arrival, and were approved.

Favorable action was taken on the following applications to receive the Orders:

REV. TURKOM HAGOPIAN: of Waltham, sponsored by Em. Sir J. C. Bayley.

WILLIAM ALFRED TRENCHARD: of Arlington, sponsored by Sir Kt. H. J. Larson.

ALONZO CEDRIC KEENE: of Burlington, sponsored by Sir Kt. H. J. Larson.

On motion of the Recorder purchase of a so-called single column addressograph Lister at a price not to exceed \$200 was approved. Availability of this item was reported as especially needed in view of Grand Encampment requirements for constant and complete membership lists.

Em. Sir Bayley made an urgent plea for increased membership activity in obtaining applications. He made available numerous copies of an excellent list of 59 Chapter prospects giving the name, address, Chapter, and Chapter sponsor, of each prospective candidate. Particular attention was called to recent failure to obtain more applications by Companions of Menotomy Chapter of Arlington.

Em. Sir William Odell reported recent pleasant visit with Sir Kt. John Christensen in Florida.

Our new Organist Sir Kt. Fred Parks of Reading Commandery was introduced.

At 6.20 p.m. the Commandery was closed in short form to reconvene in sociability nearby at Nick's Restaurant, 100 Warrenton Street, Boston, the occasion for same being a well-deserved tribute to our Past Commander Em. Sir Howard L. MacOdrum recently elected Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple in the Shrine of North America. Entertainment was furnished by the Aleppo Temple German Band and by the Jolly Whalers Quartette.

Attendance: 105

Robert Gardner Wilson

Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened at 5.35 p.m. on Wednesday April 17, 1968 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston Massachusetts by our Generalissimo Sir David Esancy. Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles acted as Generalissimo, Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers as Prelate, Em. Sirs James C. Bayley and Harold Hodgson as Masters of Ceremonies, and Em. Sir Tweedie as Sentinel. Em. Sir George Locus acted as Captain General before supper.

After appropriate devotions, the records of our March Conclave were read and approved. The same being in order for action the following applications for the Orders were acted upon favorably:

Sidney Moses Abbott;	Boston, sponsored by Rt. Em. R. G. Wilson Jr.
Monte G. Basbas	Newtonville, sponsored by Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles
Allan Lawrence Eastman	Arlington, sponsored by Sir Knight Willard C. Lombard.

The Recorder reported on 17 Sir Knights of Boston Commandery now in arrears for three year's dues and it was voted that the same stand suspended in accordance with the express provisions of our By Laws unless suitable adjustment shall have been effected by June 19, 1968.

Attention was called to the Annual Protestant Layman's Communion service, parade and breakfast on Sunday, May 19, and also St. John's service and parade at Newburyport on Sunday, May 26.

The Recorder reported per capita increase voted by the Grand Commandery at recent midyear Conclave, as well as the 1967 action by Grand Encampment at Detroit in 1967, and gave notice of possible proposed amendment to Boston Commandery By Laws in relation to 1969 dues at our May 1968 Conclave.

There being no further business the Commandery was recessed to re-assemble at 6 p.m. for our annual inspection in which our Generalissimo, David L. Esancy acted as Eminent Commander, Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles as Generalissimo, Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers as Prelate, and in view of emergency due to sudden illness of Sir Knight Sealey Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery acted as Captain General.

Promptly at 6 p.m. our inspecting officer, Grand Generalissimo Jack Richard Baker of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery, with his Deputy Grand Warder Em. Sir Robert L. Doney were officially received. A

distinguished suite, among others included: Grand Commander Gordon C. Player, Deputy Grand Commander Norman L. Staveley; Grand Captain General Elmer H. Palmer; Past Grand Commanders George C. Patton Jr., Louis A. Beaudoin, and Alfred C. Blake, Deputy Grand Warders William A. Weiss and William R. Smith, and Grand Warder James P. McCormick.

The official count showed Sir Knights of Boston Commandery 219, official suite 33, and no visitors, making a total of 252.

Participating officers and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery performed in an excellent manner, the official mark being announced as 10 minus.

After appropriate remarks by the inspecting officer, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander in turn complimented the officers and guards of Boston Commandery, especially Sir Knight Esancy for the excellent work.

The Commandery was closed in short form followed by light refreshments in the Armory.

Attendance:

Sir Knights of Boston Commandery 219

Robert G. Anderson

Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened promptly at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, May 15, 1968 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston. Em. Sir Kenneth Tweedie acted as Junior Warden.

After appropriate devotions, records of our April 17, 1968 Conclave were read and approved after two minor corrections.

The same being in order for action the following Companions were elected to receive the Orders:

GEORGE LOUIS PAPPAS: Canton sponsored by Sir Kt. R. C. Olson
EDWARD GEORGE DAHER Boston sponsored by Sir Kt. D. Stewart
WILLIAM R. HORSFALL JR.: Millis, sponsored by Sir Kt. E. W. Noble
and Em. Sir James C. Bayley.

KENNETH W. STEERE: Boston, sponsored by Sir Kt. J. W. Zolner.

The Recorder stated that although there was an unwritten law in Boston Commandery to permit but one honorary member, who at present is Most Worshipful and Sir Kt. Thomas Sherrard Roy of Worcester, yet in view of the many valued services of Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery of Cranston, especially his unselfish and untiring work once again incident to our annual inspection, it was in order for us to elect Em. Sir Brown of Rhode Island as an honorary member. It was voted unanimously. On motion duly made and seconded it was also unanimously voted to amend Article XI Section 6 of our By Laws by adding the following:

DUE BILLS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1968 shall read:

Dues (other than Life members)	\$10
Grand Encampment Assessment (magazine)	1
Grand Commandery of Mass. & R. I.	2
Eye Foundation assessment	1
	<u>\$14</u>

Em. Sir Budreau pointed out that Life Membership in the Eye Foundation may also be obtained at a cost of \$30, and that same is a charitable deduction for tax purposes.

The Eminent Commander announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee as follows:

Rt. Em. Sir R. G. Wilson Jr.,	Chairman
Em. Sir James C. Bayley	Em. Sir Charles Harrington
Em. Sir George Locus	Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles

Attention was called to the annual Protestant Layman's Communion Breakfast and parade in Boston on Sunday, May 19, and also religious service and parade at Newburyport on St. John's Day, Sunday, May 26.

There being no further business the Commandery recessed for dinner, followed by entertainment at which time the Sir Knights enjoyed hearing from Brother Jerry Howard ("Slim Pickins") of radio and T. V.

At approximately 8.15 p. m. a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was opened and under the direction of Em. Sir James C. Bayley and Howard L. MacOdrum the following companions received the Order:

DONALD R. JACOBSON
SIDNEY M. ABBOTT

MONTE G. BASBAS
ALLAN LAWRENCE EASTMAN

The Order of Malta was thereupon conferred on the above candidates under the direction of Sir Knights Kenneth Tweedie and D. Stewart, with Sir Knight David Esancy acting as Prelate.

On Sunday, May 19, 1968 the following 13 Sir Knights of Boston Commandery marched in uniform to Protestant Layman's breakfast:

Eminent Sirs: Frankland W. L. Miles

James C. Bayley

George Locus

Kenneth Tweedie

Joseph Eagleston

Sir Knights Arthur Vellela

Kenneth W. Strong

Donald Stewart

Alfred H. Anderson

James Meikle

Kirkor Hekimian

Julius Crasco

James Coulter

E. Rex Seeley Jr.

The Commandery was thereupon closed.

Attendance: 92

Robert Gardner Wilson

Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened at 5.35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 1968 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston by Eminent Commander Joseph Eagleston. Station of the Junior Warden was filled by Sir Knight Rowland Crook.

Following the customary invocation the records of our Stated Conclave of Wednesday, May 17 were read and approved.

Favorable ballot was then had on the following applications:

WILLIAM ROBERT VAN NOFTSKER: 100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
sponsored by R. G. Wilson III
WILLIAM CHARLES MOEN JR: 478 Brookline Ave., Boston
sponsored by Sir Kt. D. D. Stewart

Report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted as follows:

For Eminent Commander	Sir kt. David Esancy
For Generalissimo	Sir Kt. E. Rea Seeley Jr.
For Captain General	Sir Kt. Alan M. Downey
For Senior Warden	Sir Kt. Robert Gardiner Wilson III
For Junior Warden	Sir Kt. Donald Day Stewart
For Prelate	Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles
For Treasurer	Em. Sir James C. Bayley
For Trustee Permanent Fund	
For three years	Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers

There being no further nominations separate ballots were successively distributed, collected, and counted by Em. Sir George Locus and Em. Sir Charles Harrington, with the following results:

Sir Kt. Esancy 45; Sir Kt. Seeley 45; Sir Kt. Downey 46; Sir Kt. R. G. Wilson III 45; Sir Kt. Donald Stewart 45.

Motion was then carried that the Recorder be directed to cast unanimous ballots for the balance of names recommended by the Nominating Committee. The newly elected Eminent Commander, in accordance with custom, was then escorted into the Commandery asylum by a Committee of all past Commanders present, and accepted the office with appropriate words.

Em. Sir Bayley regretfully reported that expected annual softball game had been called off by De Molay Commandery.

On motion of Em. Sir Locus, with our Generalissimo putting the motion, it was

voted that a jewel for the outgoing Commander be obtained by a Committee. Em. Sir Locus was appointed to perform the duty.

Em. Sir Bayley moved that when permissible under the terms of the bequest or gift from an estate or donor the Trustees of Boston Commandery be empowered to combine such bequest or gift with the general or charity funds of the Commandery, but that when so done, the names of the donors be listed in the Annual Report of the Treasurer. The motion carried.

Em. Sir Bayley then moved that the Herman C. McStay Fund consisting of 5 deposits of \$200 each starting in October 1960, plus interest, now in Charlestown Savings Bank Account No. 11744 be transferred back to the regular Treasurer's account of Boston Commandery. The motion carried.

Em. Sir Bayley moved that the sum of \$1000^{be} transferred from the current year's income of the Charity Fund and donated to the Boston Unit of the Shrine Burns Instituté, preferably at the Dedication Ceremonies of this great new Boston charity hospital. The motion carried.

Em. Sir Bayley then presented a detailed schedule of current and anticipated receipts and suggested expenditures for the Templar year 1968-1969, stating that same had met with the approval of our newly elected Commander. Rt. Em. Sir Wilson moved that it be adopted as the sense of the meeting that the suggested budget of \$23,800 should not be exceeded without further approval of the Commandery. The motion carried.

Motion by Em. Sir Locus that the July and August stated Conclaves be omitted was passed.

On request of the Eminent Commander, Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery of Cranston, R. I. was escorted to the East where Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., on behalf of the officers and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery presented Em. Sir Brown with an Honorary Membership Diploma in recognition of his long, many, generous and most helpful services to our Commandery. Rt. Em. Sir Wilson referred to the unwritten law in Boston Commandery restricting this signal honor to no more than one living Sir Knight at a time and now represented by Most Worshipful and Sir Kt. Thomas Sherrard Roy of Massachusetts, but in view of Em. Sir Brown's outstanding services and his membership in a Rhode Island Commandery exception had been made. Em. Sir Brown gratefully responded and assured the Sir Knights of continued willingness to be of any knightly assistance possible.

Em. Sir Elmer H. Palmer of St. John's Commandery, present Grand Captain General was presented as a visitor.

There being no further business the meeting closed with devotions offered by our Prelate and the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet hall for dinner and an unusually fine comedy address by one introduced as the eminent psychiatrist Professor Murphy.

Attendance: 86

Peter Gardiner Wilson

Recorder

Sir Knights:

The members of the Nominating Committee appointed by the Eminent Commander duly met, and after extended discussion and acting in their opinion for the best interests of the Commandery present the following nominations:

For Eminent Commander	Sir Knight David L. Esancy
For Generalissimo	Sir Knight E. Rea Seeley Jr.
For Captain General	Sir Knight Alan M. Downey
For Senior Warden	Sir Knight Robert G. Wilson III
For Junior Warden	Sir Knight Donald W. Stewart
For Prelate	Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles
For Treasurer	Em. Sir James C. Bayley
For Recorder	Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.
For Trustee of Permanent Fund for 3 years	Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers

Fraternally submitted

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.

James C. Bayley

George L. Jones

Robert G. Wilson III

Donald W. Stewart

Frankland W. L. Miles

James S. W. Rogers

Special Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, on Wednesday, September 4, 1968. Eminent Commander Joseph Eagleston opened the Conclave at 5.40 p. m. with all officers in their stations, except that Em. Sir Tweedie filled the office of Senior Warden.

After appropriate prayer offered by our Prelate Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles, the reading of the record of our June 17, 1968 conclave, on motion of Em. Sir Locus, was waived.

Favorable ballot was had on application of Elliot Lee Richardson, present Attorney General and former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, sponsored by Rt. Em. Sir Wilson.

The Annual report of the Recorder was read and approved. The same disclosed a net loss of 47 for the year, which brings membership as of September 1, 1968 down to 967, --the first year since 1950 that Boston Commandery membership has fallen below 1000. Record of unpaid dues showed 45 Sir Knights owing \$664 the lowest both in number and amount in nine years.

The Report of the Treasurer and the Trustees was likewise read and approved. The same showed total cash and security assets amounting to \$452,799.84 at market value, as compared with \$403,846.22 one year ago.

There being no further business the Eminent Commander recessed the Commandery until 6.15 p. m. at which time the head of the Commandery was assumed by Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. as Installing Officer, assisted by Em. Sir Gordon S. Borek as Deputy Grand Warden and Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles as Prelate.

Following his installation our new Eminent Commander David Linwood Esancy announced the following appointments:

ASSOCIATE PRELATES

REV. SIR EVERETT L. WATERS +
EM. SIR JAMES S W ROGERS +
EM. SIR WILLIAM A O'DELL

STANDARD BEARER... SIR WILLIAM STEWART +
SWORD BEARER... SIR FREDERICK S CHAPMAN +
WARDER... SIR CARL R. MAC KENNEY +
NATIONAL COLOR BEARER...SIR JAMES H. COULTER +
BEAUSEANT BEARER... SIR JULIUS CRASCO +
STATE FLAG BEARER... SIR STANLEY G. DINGWELL +
COLOR GUARD... SIR JAMES MEIKLE +
COLOR GUARD... SIR EVERETT E. COOKE
DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP COMM....EMSIR FRANKLAND W L MILES
MASTER OF CEREMONIES... RT.EM.SIR ALFRED C BLAKE
MASTER OF CEREMONIES...E, SIR CHARLES D HARRINGTON
MASTER OF CEREMONIES...EM. SIR JAMES C BAYLEY +
MASTER OF CEREMONIES...EM. SIR GEORGE LOCUS
CHAIRMAN KT.TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION...EM.SIR HAROLD F W HODGSON
CHAIRMAN KT.TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION..EM. SIR CHARLES
D. HARRINGTON
DIRECTOR RED CROSS TEAM...EM. SIR JAMES C BAYLEY
ASST. DIRECTOR RED CROSS TEAM...EM.SIR ROBERT S ANDREWS
RITUALIST...EM. SIR JOHN REID
TACTICIAN...EM. SIR HOWARD L. MAC O'DRUM +
SENTINEL...EM. SIR JAMES S W ROGERS +
RECORDER EMERITUS... EM. SIR HAROLD A BUDREAU
ORGANIST... SIR FRED PARKS
ELECTRICIAN... SIR HENRY K. ROSENBERGER +
CUSTODIAN OF CANDIDATES...SIR WINFIELD L. NOURSE
COMMISSAR...EM. SIR HAROLD F.W. HODGSON
ASST. COMMISSAR... EM. SIR KENNETH C. ARNOLD +
CHAIRMAN HOSPITALITY COMM...EM. SIR KENNETH A TWEEDIE
CHAIRMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE...EM.SIR HOWARD L MAC O'DRUM +
CHAIRMAN VISITING COMMITTEE...EM.SIR CHARLES D HARRINGTON
CHAIRMAN ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE...SIR JOHN MILES

AIDE TO THE COMMANDER...EM. SIR GORDON S. BOREK

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD... SIR MAX H FISCHER +

LIEUTENANT OF THE GUARD...SIR WILLIAM STAVROPOULOS +

GUARDS, ESCORT, AND RED CROSS TEAM.

SIR MONTE G BASBAS *
SIR THOMAS P BUTCHER * +
SIR NORTON W CANN *
SIR BRADFORD H CARR * +
SIR H. CRASWELL HALEY * +
SIR KIRKOR G. HEKIMIAN * +
SIR THOMAS HELLEBERG * +
SIR LEO S HIBBARD * +
SIR CURTIS W HUNNEWELL * +
SIR ROGER HUNNEWELL +
SIR JESSE HUTCHINSON +
SIR DON R JACOBSON * +
SIR DAVID K JENKINS * +
SIR WARREN KEOUGH * +
SIR CHESTER E. LADD * +
SIR JAMES LAIRD JR. +
SIR GURNEY MAC DONALD *
SIR NORMAN MASERIAN * +
SIR EDGAR M MILLS *
SIR HOWARD O'BRIEN +
SIR ERNEST PIASCHKES +
SIR SAMUEL RYDER * +
SIR ARTHUR H STAFFON +
SIR FREDERICK C. R. STEWARD *
SIR KENNETH STRONG * +
SIR ALBERT SWIDE * +
SIR CARL B TURNER *
SIR ARTHUR W. VELLELA * +

* Indicates member of Commandery Guard

+ Indicates member of Red Cross Team.

The Installing Officer then successively installed the following:

Sir Kt. E. Rea Seeley, Generalissimo
Sir Kt. Alan M. Downey, Captain General
Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles, Prelate with
Em. Sirs William A. Odell and
Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers Associates
Sir Kt. Robert Gardiner Wilson 3rd, Senior Warden
Sir Kt. Donald W. Stewart, Junior Warden
Em. Sir James C. Bayley, Treasurer
Sir Kt. Carl W. MacKenney, Warder

Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau installed Rt. Em. Robert G. Wilson Jr. as Recorder. Being then successively presented the members of the First, Second, and Third Divisions, including Sir Kt. Max H. Fischer as Captain of the Guard, were duly installed, after which Em. Sir Esancy rendered the official tribute to the flag of our beloved country.

The Aleppo Temple Shrine Chanters, through the courtesy of Em. Sir Howard L. MacOdrum, Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple, presented an excellent brief musical program which was well received by the Sir Knights, our guests and ladies.

A Past Commanders' jewel was presented to the Junior Past Commander Sir Eagleston, by Em. Sir Gordon Borek.

At 7.30 p.m. Sir Knights and guests repaired to the first floor banquet hall for an excellent roast beef dinner and entertainment. Included among guests at the head table were the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Sir Kt. Gordon C. Player and Mrs. Player; the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Kt. Norman L. Staveley and Mrs. Staveley; the Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Jack Richard Baker and Mrs. Baker; and our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight G. Burton Long and Mrs. Long.

An excellent entertainment was furnished by Salvy Cavicchio and by Kirk Stephens.

Attendance: 216
Sir Kts. of Boston Commandery: 156

Robert G. Wilson Jr.

Recorder

166'th Annual Meeting
Boston Commandery
Wednesday, September 4, 1968

MEMBERSHIP

As reported September 1, 1967	1014	
Knighted during year (Schedule A)	17	
Reinstated (Schedule B)	1	
Affiliated (Schedule C)	<u>0</u>	1032

DEDUCTIONS

Deaths reported as of Aug. 31, 1968	44	
Dimitts (Schedule E)	3	
Suspended (Schedule F)	8	
Correction Membership List	<u>10</u>	
	65	-65

Membership as of September 1, 1968 967

It is to be regretted that these figures not only show a net loss of 47 as of September 1, 1968 but reduce Boston Commandery membership below 1000 for the first time in many years.

This is a most disturbing factor. Grand Commandery statistics show a net loss for an 8'th consecutive year, and the lowest number of applications in five years. Boston Commandery shows a net loss for a sixth consecutive year, although with 26 applications, including one reinstatement, we ranked second among 50 Commanderies. Fortunately we have 16 candidates elected who have not yet received the Orders.

FINANCIAL:

Unpaid dues as of September 1, 1968 show ⁴⁵ Sir Knights owing a total of \$664. This compares with 53 Sir Knights owing \$805 one year ago. The amount is the smallest in nine years, but 16 of the present delinquents owe two years in dues. The number of Sir Knights in arrears is the lowest in nine years.

SCHEDULE A

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| I. Warren Vincent Keough | 29 Wilson Street, Randolph, Mass.
Born /27/16
Orphans Hope Lodge, Somerville Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 10/18/67
Knighted 11/18/67 at Reading |
| II. Richard Putnam Bartholomew | 110 Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield . Born 2/24/25
Mt. Hollis Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 10/18/67
Knighted 2/21/68 |
| III. Lemuel Thomas Rixon | 357 Green Street, Cambridge
Born 11/14/14
Revere Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68 |
| IV. Herman Craswell Haley | 18 Branch Road, South Weymouth
Born 8/4/33
Fourth Estate Lodge, St. Andrews Chapt.
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68 |
| V. John George Karalekas | 24 Webster St., Waltham
Born 4/23/96
Hammatt Lodge, John Winthrop Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68 |
| VI. Rev. Everett Lesley
Waters | 10 Lawrence St., Winchester
Born 8/22/22
Yonnondia Lodge #63 N. Y., Menotomy
Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68 |
| VII. Norman Nerses
Maserian | 56 Blossom St., Arlington
Born 8/27/31
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68 |

- VIII. Winfred Lawrence Waite 12 Lowell Place, Arlington
Born 2/22/32
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68
- IX. Samuel Ryder 7 Auburn St., Framingham
Born 10/30/37
Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68
- X. Chester E. Ladd 19 Chandler Road, W. Medford
Born 3/15/21
Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/68
Knighted 2/21/68
- XI. Stanley Keith Read 11 Gowing Road, Wilmington
Born 7/16/24
Adair Lodge, #366 Mo., St. Paul's Chapt.
Red Cross & Malta 3/30/68
Knighted 3/30/68
- XII. Earl William Noble 41 Edgarly Road, Boston
Born 6/6/29
Zetland Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 3/30/68
Knighted 3/30/68
- XIII. Rev. Torkom Hagopian 744 Trapelo Road, Waltham
Born 5/23/23
Eliot Lodge, Belmont Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 3/30/68
Knighted 3/30/68
- XIV. Willaim Alfred Trenchard 363 Appleton St., Arlington
Born 2/23/23
S. W. Robinson Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 3/30/68
Knighted 3/30/68
- XV. Alonzo Cedric Keene 15 Corcoran Road, Burlington
Born 3/9/20
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Red Cross & Malta 3/30/68
Knighted 3/30/68

- XVI. Donald Robert Jackson 58 Elliot Road, Arlington
Born 9/29/29
Aurora Lodge, #254 Ill., St. Paul's Chapt.
Red Cross & Malta 5/15/68
Knighted 5/16/68 at Newburyport
- XVII. Monte G. Basbas 178 Kirkstall Road, Newtoncille
Born 5/6/21
Boston University Lodge, St. Paul's Chapt.
Red Cross & Malta 5/15/68
Knighted 5/15/68 at Newburyport

SCHEDULE B

REINSTATEMENTS

- I. Samuel T. Tisdale 488 Main St., Greenfield
Born 10/7/12
Republican Lodge, St. Mark's Chapter
Knighted Bristol Commandery 5/1/36
Reinstated 9/20/67

SCHEDULE C

AFFILIATIONS

NONE

DEATHS

SCHEDULE D

Herbert A. Moses, Milford
Born 3/4/87
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, St.
Paul's Chapter
Knighted 1/19/49
Died 2/27/66

George W. Gardner, Jamaica Plain
Born 4/6/97
Noddle Island Lodge, St. Paul's
Chapter. Knighted 5/21/30
Died 4/49/66

Russell T. Hamlet, Arlington
Born 11/2/02
Russell Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 1/16/46
Died 5/30/66

Alfred S. Y. Fong, Honolulu
Born 1/15/21
St. John's Lodge, St. Andrews Chapt.
Life Member. Knighted 4/20/49
Died 1967

Albert E. Sweetser, Newton
Born 8/15/81
Prospect Lodge, Roslindale Chapt.
Knighted 11/18/25
Died 1/15/67

Charles Mueller, Medford
Born 1/8/11
Mt. Hermon Lodge, St. Paul's Chapt.
Knighted 2/18/33
Died 1/23/67

William E. Bunton, Arlington
Born 8/6/81
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 1/21/48
Died 3/22/67

Rev. Richard J. Westaway, Cal-
gary, Born 12/6/82
Perfection Lodge, #9 Alberta
Cambridge Chapter
Knighted 1/5/47
Died 5/30/67

Melvin H. Dinsmore, Framingham
Born 3/20/01. Mt. Hermon Lodge
Keystone Chapt. #27 of Conn.
Knighted 5/15/46
Died 7/13/67

Henry W. Wright, Calif.
Born 11/14/81
Mt. Lebanon Lodge, St. Andrews
Chapter. Knighted 6/18/24
Died 7/21/67

Louis H. Schwamb, Arlington
Born 2/13/85
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapt.
Knighted 3/21/33
Died 8/15/67

Theron L. Beattie, Chestnut Hill
Born 4/16/08. Capitol Lodge #66
Michigan) St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted 2/20/57
Died 8/29/67

Warren H. McClellan, Belmont
Born 4/29/00
Mt. Hermon Lodge, Mystic Chapt.
Knighted 2/16/55
Died 9/14/67

Clinton W. Schwamb, Arlington
Born 7/13/79
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 3/21/23
Died August 29, 67

DEATHS

15. Herbert P. M. Rhodes, Winchester
Born 4/15/93
Hiram Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 2/16/55
Died 9/18/67

Roger E. Bates, California
Born 3/12/79
Thomas Talbot Lodge, Walden Chapter
Knighted 6/21/11
Died 10/22/67

Perley P. Hamilton, Westwood
Born 8/1/02
Joseph Warren Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted 6/16/27
Died 10/25/67

James W. Rowe, Florida
Born 9/18/08
Zetland Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted 2/18/53
Died 11/8/67

Frederick T. Scott, West Harwich
Born 5/12/78
Winthrop Lodge, Winthrop Chapter
Knighted 11/17/20
Died 11/12/67

Frederick L. Nobles, Wollaston
Born 5/1/98
Manet Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 1/19/49
Died 11/17/67

Joseph H. Cartier, Dorchester
Born 3/19/83
Dorchester Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 1/20/60
Died 11/1/67

Sortis M. Zartarian, Arlington
Born 4/5/97
Euclid Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 11/19/52
Died 12/21/67

DEATHS
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23. Wallace M. McNaught, Milton
Born 7/20/91
Lafayette Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 6/21/22
Died 12/23/67

24. Arthur E. Blakeney, Dedham
Born 9/3/99
Hyde Park Lodge, Norfolk Chapter
Knighted 6/18/52
Died 1967

25. George A. Crittendon, Brookline
Born 7/18/76
Mt. Tabor Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted 6/19/18
Died 1/13/68

26. David N. Brackett, Marlboro
Born 2/8/03
Yorkshire Lodge, #179, Maine, Houghton Chapt.
Knighted 12/16/64
Died 1/14/68

27. Carl I. Parker, Wakefield
Born 1/2/94
Seaview Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 1/17/51
Died 1/20/68

28. Charles R. Smith, Boston
Born 2/8/
Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 5/18/60
Died 1/25/68

29. Andrew Kerr, Barnstable
Born 9/17/78
Mt. Hermon Lodge, Mystic Chapter L
Knighted 8/16/34
Died 1/25/68

30. Ralph A. Williams, Florida
Born 4/21/97
Montacute Lodge, Eureka Chapter
Knighted 1/17/51
Died 2/2/68

DEATHS

31. Edward N. W. Smith, Brookline
Born 12/10/08
Zetland Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 2/15/61
Died 2/13/68

32. Albert E. Page, Florida
Born 1/12/82
St. John's Lodge, Signet Chapter
Knighted 6/16/15
Died 2/8/68

33. Earl A. Umlah, Brookline
Born 6/30/15
Brookline Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 11/18/59
Died 3/5/68

34. Ralph W. Sanborn, Belmont
Born 8/24/03
John Abbott Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 2/20/52
Died 3/18/68

35. James Shiels, Milton
Born 1/7/02
Edinboro, St. Andrew Lodge, Scotland
Mt. Vernon Chapter
Knighted 6/20/62
Died 4/15/68

36. Harold W. Martin, Florida
Born 10/3/96
Zetland Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted 6/16/20 L
Died May 1968

37. Francis W. Breed, South Yarmouth
Born 3/5/83
St. John's Lodge, Cambridge Chapter
Knighted 2/15/11
Died 1968

DEATHS

38. Harold W. Geddes, Lexington
Born 8/30/99
S. W. Robinson Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 2/18/53
Died 5/13/68

39. Cecil E. Hall, Medford
Born 12/24/08
Mt. Hermon Lodge, Mystic Chapter
Knighted 12/7/55
Died 4/15/68

40. Merton F. Dixon, Belmont
Born 10/23/04
St. John's Lodge, Belmont Chapter
Knighted 3/21/45
Died 3/22/68

41. Lester E. Stevenson, Barnstead, N. H.
Born 7/23/91
Winthrop Lodge, Winthrop Chapter
Knighted 5/16/23
Died 4/10/68

42. George T. Nutting, Florida
Born 7/20/98
Joseph Warren Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 5/27/58
Died 6/3/68

43. Chester R. Gunnerson, Reading
Born 3/1/97
Hyde Park Lodge, Norfolk Chapter
Knighted 3/23/21
Died 6/20/68

44. Benjamin R. Bird, Burlington
Born 11/5/1887
Mt. Hermon Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 5/19/20
Died 2/9/68

SCHEDULE E

Dimits

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. James R. McGregor | 1/17/68 |
| 2. Lorenzo B. Carr | renewed 3/20/63 |
| 3. Ernest W. Smart | 4/17/68 |

SCHEDULE F

Suspensions

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Gordon Austin | N.P.D. Suspended St. Andrews | 8/31/67 |
| 2. Edward P. Brock Jr. | N.P.D. " St. Paul's | 6/20/67 |
| 3. George W. Hemenway | N.P.D. Dimitted St. Paul's Chapter | |
| 4. Charles T. Mooney | N.P.D. | |
| 5. Edwin W. Robinson | N.P.D. | |
| 6. John W. Stewart | N.P.D. Dimitted J. Winthrop Chapt. | 9/6/62 |
| 7. Christopher A. Visvis | N.P.D. Suspended St. Andrews | " 8/31/67 |
| 8. Powell L. Woodcock | N.P.D. " " " | " 8/31/67 |

SCHEDULE G

Pending Applications (Elected)

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. William Arthur Katsenes | 175 Newtonville Avenue, Newton
Born 3/5/25
Bethesda Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Elected 1/17/62 (Paid)
Sponsored by F. W. L. Miles |
| 2. Robert Johnson Whitney | 41 Stoneleigh Rd., Watertown
Born 10/21/26
Temple Lodge, #665, Washington Chapter
(#24 Conn.)
Elected 3/21/62
Sponsored by F. W. Johnson II |
| 3. Herbert Benjamin Wells | 94 Forest Street, S. Weymouth
Born 2/22/23
Loyalty Lodge, St. Matthew's Chapter
Elected 5/19/65
Sponsored by W. S. Sutherland |

SCHEDULE G
Pending Applications
(Elected)

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|----------------------------|---|
| 4. Quincy Adams Spear | 500 Lowell St., Wakefield
Born 11/8/37
Golden Rule Lodge, St. Paul's Chapt.
Elected 4/20/66
Sponsored by D. L. Esancy |
| 5. J. Gordon MacKinnon | 44 Jason St., Arlington
Born 6/9/16
Dalhousie Lodge, St. Andrews Chapt.
Elected 4/20/66
Sponsored by H. L. MacOdrum |
| 6. Richard Bruce Thompson | 15 Garfield Ave., Winchester
Born 11/15/37
Wm. Parkman Lodge, Woburn Chapt
Elected 4/20/66
Sponsored by R. F. Norris |
| 7. Nick Chris Polley | 1688 Beacon St. Brookline
Born 4/30/20
Loyalty Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Elected 10/19/66
Sponsored by H. L. MacOdrum |
| 8. Sam Chris Polley | 1688 Beacon St., Brookline
Born 11/27/21
Jenks Lodge R. I. St. Andrews Chapt.
Elected 10/19/66
Sponsored by H. L. MacOdrum |
| 9. Sidney Moses Abbott | 56 Charlesgate East, Boston
Born 2/7/96
Columbia Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Elected 4/17/68
Red Cross & Malta 5/15/68
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson Jr. |
| 10. Allan Lawrence Eastman | 22 Oldham Rd., Arlington
Born 7/28/19
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Elected 4/17/68
Red Cross & Malta 5/15/68
Sponsored by L. C. Lombard |

Pending Applications
(Elected)

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| 11. George Louis Pappas | 4 Beverly Hill, Canton
Born 3/26/25
Eliot Lodge, Andrews Chapter
Elected 5/15/68
Sponsored by R. C. Olson |
| 12. Edward George Daher | 27 Union Park St., Boston
Born 6/16/32
Fourth Estate Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Elected 5/15/68
Sponsored by D. Stewart |
| 13. William R. Horsfall, Jr. | 37 Spencer St., Millis
Born 11/21/29
Blackstone River Lodge, St. Paul's Chapt.
Elected 5/15/68
Sponsored by E. W. Noble |
| 14. Kenneth W. Steere | 196 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
Born 5/15/03
Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Elected 5/15/68
Sponsored by J. W. Zolner |
| 15. William Robert Van
Noftsker | 100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
Born 10/30/26
Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter
Elected 6/19/68
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson 3'rd |
| 16. William Charles Moen Jr. | 478 Brookline Ave., Boston
Born 11/11/36
Mt. Horeb Lodge, Woburn Chapter
Elected 6/19/68
Sponsored by D. D. Stewart |

Sam M. Apkarian	22	George J. Karalekas	11
Burton A. Barstow	22	Richard P. Laughman	11
Richard T. Besson	11	Paul A. Lazzara	22
Melvin G. Bridges	22	Howard M. Linstead	11
Herbert S. Coles	11	MacLaren H. Macgregor	11
Dr. Edward D. Croissant	11	Willaim A. MacWilliam	11
Lewis F. Curtis Jr.	11	Warren E. Mann	11
Lewis G. Curtis	11	Ralph H. Martis	22
Charles M. Davis	11	Ralph C. Matheson	22
Richard M. Davis	11	Harry P. Northway Jr.	11
Joseph Dodd	11	Carl G. Olson	22
Clifton L. Fasch	11	Anthony Saglimbeni	11
John T. Haritos	11	Norman S. Stafford	22
Peter T. Haritos	22	Dennis N. Stamatatos	11
Clifton L. Hatch	22	Paul J. Stamatatos	11
Ara H. Hedison	11	Sarkis Stepanian	11
Wilton M. Hoag	11	Lester E. Stevenson	11
George L. Jakemides	11	Guy R. Sweeney	22
Walter R. Jaynes	22	Martin W. Swithbank	22
Olaf C. Jensen	11	Samuel T. Tisdale	11
Henry J. Johnson	11	Douglas N. West	22
Richard L. Graves	11	Charles B. Westgate	11

Robert B. Wilton 22

SUMMARY:

15	@	22	=	\$334
30	@	11	=	330
<u>45</u>				<u>664</u>

COMPARISON:

9/1/67	53	\$805
9/1/66	55	785
9/1/65	50	665
9/1/64	55	907
9/1/63	71	940
9/1/62	47	692
9/1/61	60	901
9/1/60	79	1139

9/18/68

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in due form in the Armory of Boston Commandery at 5.35 p.m. by Eminent Commander David L. Esancy.

The following Sir Knights were present:

Em. Sir David L. Esancy	Commander
Sir E. Rae Seeley	Generalissimo
Sir Alan M. Downey	Captain General
Sir R. G. Wilson 3rd	Senior Warden
Sir Donald Stewart	Junior Warden
Sir Carl R. McKenney	Warder
Em. Sir James S.W. Rogers	Sentinel
Em. Sir George Locus	Recorder Pro Tem
Em. Sir Charles D. Harrington	Chaplain Pro Tem
Sir Max Fischer	Captain of the Guard
Em. Sir James C. Bayley	Treasurer
Em. Sir Kenneth Arnold	
Sir Liston Evans	
Sir Joseph Albo	

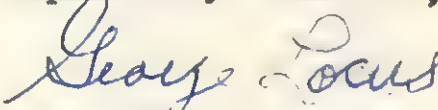
Constituting a sufficient number of Sir Knights to constitute a quorum on motion duly made and seconded it was voted to omit the reading of the September 4 minutes and also the minutes of the previous Conclave until the next regular Conclave in October.

Em. Sir James C. Bayley presented an application for the Orders of Knighthood from George Douglas Knight together with a check for \$50.

The Commandery was closed at 5.45 p.m.

Attendance: 14

Respectfully submitted,


George Locus, Recorder Pro Tem

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was opened in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston on Wednesday, October 16, 1968 at 5.35 p.m. with Eminent Commander David L. Esancy presiding.

After appropriate devotions offered by our Prelate Eminent Sir Frankland W. L. Miles, the records of our conclave held on September 4 and September 18, 1968 were read and approved.

By unanimous ballot the following were elected to receive the Orders:

George Douglas Knight
Walker Alfred Reed
Harvey John Waugh

Our Recorder regretfully reported that because the Secretary of the Grand Master has refused to permit Eliot Lee Richardson, Attorney General of the Commonwealth to sign the By Laws of Joseph Webb Lodge or be eligible for advancement in the York Rite, until he has attained satisfactory proficiency in the lectures of the second and third degrees, our election of this candidate on September 4, 1968 to receive the Orders must be considered void.

By direction of the Eminent Commander the Recorder duly installed the following in their respective positions:

Rev. Sir Everett L. Waters and
Sir Kt. Arthur B. Chartier, Assoc. Prelates
Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers, Sentinel
Sir Kt. Frederick B. Parks, Organist

The Eminent Commander thereupon called the Sir Knights to attention and delivered the following:

IN MEMORIAM

Sir Knight Crook was an outstanding Templar who served the Commandery he loved faithfully. As Captain of the Guard, - he was a perfectionist who contributed greatly to the tactical excellence for which Boston Commandery was well known. He was a holder of the Thomas Smith Webb Veterans medal and was presented a special citation by this Commcnadery in 1964.

As a young man, Sir Knight Crook distinguished himself in the military service of his country by enlisting as a private when America entered the First World War. For valor and demonstrated qualities of leadership, he was awarded a battle-field commission and the rank of lieutenant. He remained a

commissioned reserve officers until retirement.

He was a successful plumber and businessman and left a substantial estate the bulk of which will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Born October 8, 1890, Sir Knight Crook was elected to receive the Orders on October 18, 1922 and was knighted on November 13, 1922 by Em. Sir Frederick H. Briggs.

He was a member of the Guards 1923 to 1932, from 1933 to 1936 he served as Assistant First Guard. Appointed Lieutenant of the Guards in 1938 and served until he became Emeritus Captain in 1962. He died September 16, 1968.

Taps was thereupon played by our Organist.

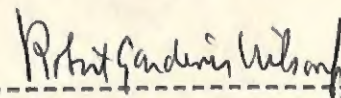
There being no further business the Commandery was then opened on a Council of the Illustrious Red Cross and recessed for dinner which was followed by an unusually excellent entertainment by the magician Torino.

During the dinner the Eminent Commander presented 40-year medals to Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers knighted November 17, 1926 and Sir Kt. Vail K. Haak knighted March 7, 1927.

Following dinner the work of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta, featured by the ritualistic work of Em. Sir Kenneth Tweedie and Sir Kts. Donald D. Stewart and Everett L. Waters and Arthur B. Chartier was conferred on the following:

George L. Pappas
Edward George Daher
George D. Knight

Attendance: 84



Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was opened in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, on Wednesday, November 20, 1968 at 5.15 p.m. with all officers present.

After customary invocation by the Prelate the records of our October 16, 1968 conclave were read and approved. Favorable vote was then had on William Edward Walsh to receive the Orders and on Charles Roger Smith for affiliation from Hugh de Payens Commandery.

The Eminent Commander reported that on Saturday, November 2, 1968 at the formal dedication of the new Shrine Burns Institute on Blossom Street, Boston he presented \$1000 check of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar in accordance with the vote of the Commandery, supplementing earlier Commandery check in memory of our late Past Commanders Frank B. Ells and Herman C. McStay both of whom were Past Potentates of Aleppo Temple.

At 5.35 p.m. the business meeting was closed.

At 5.40 p.m. work opened on the Order of the Temple conferred in full form through the years of warfare on:

George Douglas Knight
Sidney Moses Abbott
Allan Laurence Eastman.

The Commandery recessed at 6.45 for dinner, followed by an excellent address on "A Mason's Responsibility to his Commandery" delivered by Sir Knight and Worshipful Monte G. Basbas, Mayor of Newton

Re-assembling in the asylum the work of the Order of the Temple was completed in excellent manner by our officers and guards.

-----*Robert Gardiner Hilborn*-----

Attendance: 79

Following customary devotions offered by Em. Sir F.W.L. Miles, our Prelate, the records of our Stated Conclave held November 20, and Special Conclave held on Saturday, November 23, 1968 were read and approved. Em. Sir Harold Budreau expressed pride, as a Sir Knight of Boston Commandery, in the excellence of the work by our officers on November 23.

Em. Sir Bayley commented further on the apparent unwillingness of Grand Lodge to encourage advancement of membership in the York Rite.

Em. Sir Harold Budreau offered the following Resolution in memory of the late Sir Knight Rowland Douglas Crook:

Sir Knight Rowland D. Crook (or) "Rolly", as he was known to most of us, was a member of Boston Commandery for over 45 years. He was associated with our guards, and served loyally in various capacities that included the filling of vacant offices, and officiated as Sepulchre Guard, in the "Order of the Temple." He was best known, however, as Captain of the Guard, an office that he filled with honor for many, many years.

His smiling and congenial presence will be greatly missed in our Asylum.

As a token of our affection and esteem, and in appreciation of the devotion to Templary, I propose that our Treasurer be authorized to allocate \$100.00 from the income of our Charity fund, to be contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as a memorial to our distinguished Frater.

Sir Knight Harold Budreau, P.C.

There being no further business, and no work, the Commandery was closed by Em. Sir Esancy following benedictions by the Prelate, and the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet hall at 6.25 p.m. for dinner and entertainment, this being the customary Boston Commandery annual Christmas Party. Special libation was prepared and served by Sir Kt. Robert Wilton assisted by Sir Kt. Donald D. Stewart. Special Christmas message was delivered by Rev. Sir Everett L. Waters, and a concert of appropriate music was furnished by the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble under the direction of James Hepburn through the courtesy of Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles. There was the customary exchange of gifts.

Attendance: 111

Robert Gardiner Wilton

Recorder